SENATE WENT CENTERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT OF THE COLUMN SERVICE OF

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On page 15 after line 7 by inserting the following:

- "→SECTION 30. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 216C IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
- (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, a plaintiff shall be privileged to waive the medical review panel process created in this chapter under the following circumstances:
 - (a) The litigation involves the sexual abuse of a patient;
 - (b) The facts underlying the litigation involve the commission or allegation of a criminal act;
 - (c) The facts underlying the litigation concern the intentional physical abuse of the plaintiff;
 - (d) The facts underlying the litigation involve abuse or neglect caused by the grossly negligent conduct of any defendant; or
 - (e) Any employee of a facility or medical office where the alleged malpractice occurred has ever been convicted, pleaded guilty, or entered an Alford plea to a Class B or greater misdemeanor or a Class D or greater felony.
- (2) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, a plaintiff shall be

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privileged to waive the medical review panel process created in this chapter if he or she:

- (a) Is a veteran, or the spouse of a veteran, honorably discharged from the armed services of the United States;
- (b) Has ever served as a law enforcement officer, or is the spouse of a law enforcement officer;
- (c) Has ever served as a firefighter, or is the spouse of a firefighter;
- (d) Is older than sixty-five (65) years of age, or is the spouse of someone older than sixty-five; or
- (e) Has served as a member of the clergy, or is the spouse of a member of the clergy.".